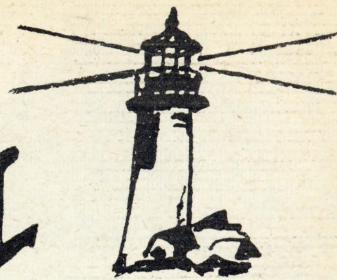


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SG Reviews Winter Plans

More detailed plans for the upcoming winter weekend were discussed at the weekly Student Government meeting Monday night. The winter weekend will be held on February 18, 19, and 20.

The schedule of events include a Friday night dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the gym. It will have a barn dance theme.

On Saturday, February 19, there will be activities in the gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during which a volley ball contest will be held with a \$50 prize going to the winning team. From 1 to 4 p.m. there will be activities held on the side of the gym. These will include a sawing contest. At the same time, there will be refreshments and bingo in the cafeteria. At 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, the movie "Three Days of the Condor" will be shown.

A lecture on "Science and the

Bible" will be presented on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m. On Sunday evening, there will be free ice skating at Coal St.

A request presented by one SG representative for John Reese, athletic department chairman, called for a five dollar a year raise in the student activity fee for the purpose of giving the extra money to the athletic department. After citing the vote against an attempt made last year by the Amnicola to have the fee raised by the same amount as a precedent, SG unanimously voted against the suggestion to raise the fee this year.

A fund request for \$250 dollars by the Human Services Committee, a special sub-committee of SG, was approved to be used

for funding of the March of Dimes Walkathon. The money will be used for such items as food and publicity.

While giving the academic report, SG member Carl Holsberger cited that prices in the bookstore have risen 100 percent in the last year. A request may be sent to faculty members asking that professors use books for more than one year in an effort to keep prices down.

The idea of using the Kingston Armory, located near Ralston Field, for Wilkes athletic events was brought up under new business. No definite action was taken, but the availability of the armory for such a purpose will be checked out.

Writer-In-Residence Heads Creative Course

By Joseph Buckley

Laura Furman began her stint as the writer-in-residence for this semester with a Tuesday night English topics course in creative writing. Teaching this class plus having a full day of office hours on Wednesday when she will be available for consultation will fulfill her obligations for her appointment.

Furman is the second writer-in-residence appointed at Wilkes. Hugh Seidman became the first appointee last year.

With her course, Furman said

she "would like somehow to get people sensitive to the narrative voice in their writing and in the writing of others." There will be plenty of writing in the course, she added. But, she also commented that "a student writer shouldn't worry about failure."

Growing up in New York and Schooley's Mountain in New Jersey divided Furman between the city and the country. "I grew up always wanting to be a writer. I always did write." However, while attending Bennington College, "that bottomed out." The reason for discontinuing her writing, said Furman, was that she "got very scared of competition and trying too hard and wanting anything too much." Also, she added that "any aesthetic activity during the (Vietnam) War seemed inappropriate."

In the past, Furman has worked for the Grove Press and as a free lance editor.

While living in Europe for a year (1970-71), Furman started to write again. No, she says, "I take writing seriously. I think it's nerve-racking."

Her first novel, "Talking About The Weather," was about war resisters and deserters in Stockholm. However, it was not published. She has recently finished a second novel and has hopes for its eventual publication.

This year the "New Yorker" has bought four of her short stories. "I'm very prolific," she said. She writes a short story about every three weeks and "that's prolific." Also, she commented, "I'm ready to start my third novel."

"You have to be deeply engaged in what you're writing," says Furman. "You have to go beyond just thinking about fame and fortune."

Furman most likely will be giving a reading of her works later in the semester.

Power Cut Requested

President Capin has asked students, faculty and administrators to join in a concerted effort to conserve energy. In the month of December alone, college-wide energy costs were very high, with the costs for January expected to be significantly higher.

At an emergency meeting held January 25 of faculty members, key administrators, and student government leaders, President Capin outlined a course of action which the College needs to undertake to conserve energy and curb costs.

The president stated, "The severity of the situation requires extraordinary efforts to ensure immediate action to conserve energy. To this end, I ask that thermostats be turned down, and that faculty and students turn off all lights when rooms are vacated."

Special attention will be given to ways of conserving energy in the dormitories, the Dart Music Hall and the Center for the Performing Arts, the gymnasium, the library, and the Student Union Building.

"While certain short-term measures can be undertaken," the president reported, "long-term planning will also have to be instituted."

There will be an open emergency meeting today at 11 a.m. in SLC 101.

An emergency blood drive will be held on Wednesday, February 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Wilkes gym due to a rapidly dwindling supply of blood.

The current cold weather has resulted in a need for blood for the needy and deprived in the Wyoming Valley and beyond.

Students, faculty and administration are urged to participate in the drive being conducted by the Human Services Committee in conjunction with the American Red Cross.



Carl Holsberger, left, is shown providing assistance to students in the Used Book Store located in the Student Union Building. Shown with

Holsberger are Peggy Tomczak, Levittown, Pa.; Steve Pitts, Kingston; Maureen Yakus, Luzerne; Steven Goldman, Wilkes-Barre.

Used Bookstore Proves Inexpensive Success

By Harriet Ann Smith

worker for the books they buy.

When the Book Store closes for the semester, the students selling books will be paid for them. If the books are not sold, they are returned to the seller. Students selling books for a substantial amount will pay Student Government twenty-five cents.

Once again the Student Government has established a Used Book Store for the convenience of students. Students can buy books at a reduced cost and sell books that they no longer need.

Carl Holsberger, member of Student Government and chairman of its Academic Committee, is responsible for the establishment and running of this store.

The Used Book Store met with immense success last semester with many students taking advantage of the store. "Although there are less books in the store this semester than last, we still feel that it is successful. It is a good idea since it enables students to purchase books cheaper and to get rid of others they don't need," stated Holsberger.

The process for buying and selling books is rather simple. Students wishing to sell books should take them to the SUB where they will fill out information cards. The seller determines the price of the books he sells. The prospective buyers check to see if the store has the books, and they pay the SG

materials used to keep the store operating.

Holsberger said, "I feel that this idea will definitely be continued in the future. It is running more efficiently than before."

Student Government will continue this service and invites all students to visit the store and buy and sell books.

Commentary

By Patti Reilly

exams." They also gave special thanks for the "flowers sent by several organizations and individuals."

Mr. and Mrs. Santoro cited President Capin and the Hockey team for the memorials that they have set up. They added that they knew "how much hockey and the Wilkes 'W' meant to Correen," and that they also wish to thank the administration staff, faculty and students for their kindness and consideration. "No one could expect a college as a whole to do so much for one individual."

Correen's dream was to eventually receive her diploma from Wilkes. In the letter, the Santoros left Dean Lampe for

As the resident assistant of Susquehannock Hall, I had the opportunity over the past few months to get to know Correen Santoro. This is an experience and pleasure that I will not readily forget. Correen meant a lot of things to a lot of people at Wilkes, and her death on December 11, 1976, left many of us both helpless and speechless.

Mr. and Mrs. Santoro passed a letter on to me to be printed in The Beacon. However, because of the lengthiness of the letter I will cite specific passages.

The parents of the former hockey player stated that they, "wish to thank everyone who attended the services in spite of the long trip and the hardships of

last, "There is no greater humanitarian, we couldn't possibly thank her for all that she has done... we also know how much she did for Correen and could never begin to thank this fantastic person."

The Santoros ended the letter by thanking everyone who wrote, sent cards and called. They added that they would like everyone to stay in touch with them. "We always consider ourselves members of the Wilkes family, and all of you will always be welcome in our home, visit often ... many thanks to all you beautiful people."

To Mr. and Mrs. Santoro and to Correen all I can think to say on behalf of all of us is "Thank you."



The Student Nursing Association recently conducted an employment seminar with all branches of the military invited to speak on "The Opportunities Offered for Prospective Nurses."

Listening intently are, from left, Cindy Glawe, Kathy Herlig, Jim Nicholas, Pam Gingell, Jill

Fritz, Karen Snow, Rosie Noone, Debbie Condo, and Captain Dick Willet, United States Air Force. Seated, are from left, Captain Lucretia McClenney, Army Nurse Corps representative, Mary Ellen Bonomo, Chris Ames, and Captain Galen D. Bonebrake, Air Force.

Writing Stressed As Useful Ability

"If a person cannot read, write, or express himself, then he is at a disadvantage."

This was the sentiment expressed by Dr. Richard Soter, dean of academic affairs, as he explained the necessary stress placed on writing at Wilkes.

The idea to emphasize writing arose during a meeting of a academic task force of the Goals of the College Committee, but Dr. Soter said that the faculty has been thinking about it for a long time.

He said that writing is the primary responsibility of the English Department, but "other faculty should be concerned with writing."

"The idea is to keep people writing constantly," said Dr. Soter. "You learn to write by writing. First it takes continual effort, and then later you do it automatically."

According to Dr. Soter, "students are demanding that faculty demand more of their writing." He said this is evident by the number of people who are voluntarily attending the writing laboratory at the college.

In 1975, the first year of the writing lab, 24 students attended the lab voluntarily for continual writing assistance. In 1976, 26 students visited it. These figures do not include the students who went to the lab to check a reference book, ask about the format for job applications, etc.

Dr. Soter said that writing is clearly becoming a priority. He said that writing well is always useful to students and is crucial for today's job market.

Dr. Soter said that the goal of the faculty is to provide a broad liberal education for all students. But he admitted that "it's easier said than done."

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New York Weekend Open To Students

Care to spend a weekend in New York City for only \$36? The Alumni Association is giving students and faculty the opportunity to join Wilkes grads on the "Alumni Weekend" trip March 25-27.

The trip was opened to students after heavy response from alumni necessitated the chartering of an additional bus.

Art Hoover, director of alumni relations, reported that remaining seats will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis.

The weekend is intended to be an unstructured one, with participants having the opportunity to shop, attend a Broadway play or sightsee whenever they wish. The \$36 fee covers tran-

sportation, two nights accommodations at the Abbey Victoria Hotel, and baggage handling.

Buses will leave Wilkes-Barre Friday, March 25 at 2 p.m., and will depart from New York the following Sunday at 7 p.m.

The trip was designed to give alumni the opportunity to enjoy the attractions in New York as economically as possible. According to Hoover, the trip is a real bargain in that bus transportation alone usually costs about half as much as the entire alumni trip.

Reservations may be made with Art Hoover, third floor, Weckesser Hall.

CC Discusses Parking At Meeting

The first Commuter Council meeting of the semester took place last Thursday. The council reviewed and reported on routine business.

A report from the transportation committee stated that there are not enough parking stickers to go around and will have to obtain some that were left over from IDC. Distribution of parking stickers will be staggered to cause less complications. The committee also reported that if any student argues with a Del Cap officer concerning parking, he or she can

lose their parking stickers without warning.

This week a tow truck went on duty to take care of out-of-state cars. No warnings or tickets are necessary for a car to be towed.

Also noted by the committee was that Park & Lock stickers went on sale this week starting Monday.

Under old business the idea of the shuttle bus is dead. Fifty survey forms were returned and most responses indicated in favor of the idea. It was the general feeling of the council however, that the shuttle bus would not work out.

Also discussed were the plans for the Smorgasbord - SUB party on February 5.

Final preparations still have to be worked out and tickets will go on sale Monday.

Probation Program Needs Students To Give Help

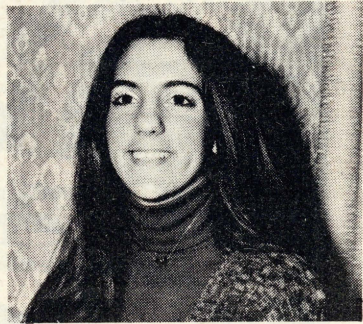
Young men and women are needed to serve as Volunteers in Probation. The Volunteers in Probation program, a component of The Bridge, in cooperation with the Luzerne County Juvenile Court, matches an adult with a youth on official or unofficial probation for the duration of his probation - usually six months to nine months.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the program is urged to contact the Coordinator of Volunteers in Probation, Patricia Crotty, at The Bridge, 19 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Phone: 824-8756.

Around The Campus

Question: "What are your views on the death penalty for criminals?"

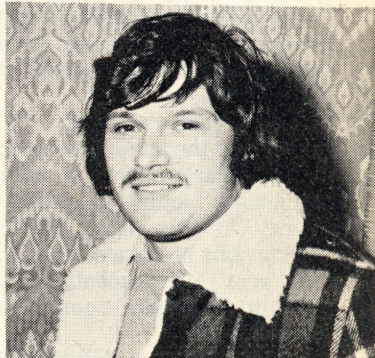
Mickey Calabrese, West Pittston, (business major) - I favor the death penalty. It seems a fitting penalty for our society's most undesirable elements. Even if it doesn't curtail violent crimes, it will help eliminate those who can't be helped by our penal system.



Ricky Russo, Yatesville, (political science major) - I'm definitely in favor of the death penalty. The main objection to it is that it is an uncivilized form of punishment. But there comes a time when you have to treat uncivilized people in an uncivilized manner.



Maria Malacari, Wilkes-Barre, (English major) - I have mixed views about the death penalty. Sometimes I feel it should be in operation and sometimes not. In the case of Gilmore, they should not have executed him. Instead, they should have made him suffer in prison. Why kill him, granting his wish, and take him out of his misery?



Paulette Kulesa, Scranton, (nursing major) - I don't believe that a person should be killed just because he committed a crime. But criminals should be justly dealt with in other means, such as through prison terms.

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Applications Being Taken For Resident Assistant Jobs

According to Joe Marchetti, Housing Director, "Resident assistant selection for the coming school year will be handled with a different attitude."

Applications will be available to any student who will have completed 30 credits by this May and is not on academic probation. Each applicant will be expected to fill out an application, submit three recommendations and participate in an interviewing process during the month of February. The deadline for the return of completed applications is February 1.

The interviewing process will involve two interviews, one with a group of three resident assistants, and the other with housing personnel. For the first time, interview groups will be co-ed. Female applicants will be interviewed by two females and one male. Male applicants will be interviewed by two males and one female.

This process according to Marchetti will "offer a more diverse interviewing experience." Marchetti, went on to say that he views the resident assistant position as one belonging to a "Mature, diplomatic person with good judgement, and a lot of common sense." The resident assistant should also "be able to help out with minor maintenance problems," added Marchetti.

In short the resident assistant is something of a "jack-of-all-trades," chimed in Jean Conway, assistant director of housing.

Last year over 80 applications were submitted to the Housing Office for the resident assistance position, and this year the response seems to be somewhat the same. Marchetti commented that "students should not apply for the resident assistant position for monetary recompense, since the hourly salary breaks down to something close to 11c an hour."

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Position Of PR Head Filled By Rubinstein

Douglas J. Rubinstein who was appointed Director of Public Relations last month, has plunged enthusiastically into his duties.

His appointment climaxed an intensive six-week screening by a special committee which interviewed nine persons for the position.

Rubinstein, a 30-year old Assistant Dean of the Faculty for the Division of Arts and Sciences and a Professor of Communication Studies at the State University of New York at Oswego, has been teaching there since 1970. He also serves as a communication and editorial consultant to industries, professional associations and publishing houses.

"Rubinstein will be responsible for facilitating communications with all segments of the public as they relate to Wilkes College," said President Capin. "He will act as a support system to all areas of the College aiding in furthering channels of communications between Wilkes College, the community, the media and the College's many supporters. Additionally, he will be responsible for keeping open every possible line of interaction to all members of the Wilkes College family --- students, faculty, administrators, alumni and friends."

A native of Scarsdale, N.Y., Rubinstein is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island where he earned the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, and of State University of New York at Oswego where he double majored in Communication Studies and Higher Education, earning a



Newly appointed Director of Public Relations, Douglas Rubinstein, right, is shown going over new ideas with Wilkes Director of News Service and Sports Information, George G. Pawlush, on the left.

Master of Science degree. Rubinstein is the author of articles on communication and education, and has been a nominee for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the State University of New York.

Additionally, he has produced television, radio and multi-media productions, including a nationally syndicated radio show dealing with current issues and contemporary music. As Assistant Dean, Rubinstein served as public relations officer of the Division of Arts and

Sciences, helping in developing cohesive interaction between the college community and the community at large.

While teaching at Rhode Island he served as assistant football coach under head coach Jack Zilly, and for two seasons was head coach of the Oswego State football team until his appointment to the Dean's office. During his tenure, the teams had a 12-4 record, climaxing with a 31-13 victory over American University in the post-season Empire Bowl Eastern National Club Championship in 1973.

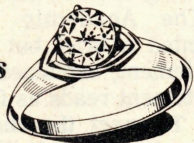
Impact. Class. Openess. All three are words which Public Relations Director Doug Rubinstein used to describe the kind of department he intends to establish, and all three accurately describe the man himself.

Seeking to develop a model public relations department at the college, he has already implemented a number of changes in the philosophy goals, and practices of the office. He outlined his ideas in the first staff meeting recently, stressing the concept of teamwork and noting that "everything we do must have impact."

As part of the reorganization effort, George Pawlush, the department's number two man, becomes Director of News and Sports Information. And in an effort to improve communications with academic departments and to also provide extensive departmental publicity each week, PR will send Jane Manganella to all department chairmen to gather news and ideas for feature stories.

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A New Gymnasium On Our Doorstep

Wilkes College is in the market for a new gymnasium. The present overcrowding during team practice hours is not facilitating equal practice times for all athletic teams during inclement weather.

The answer is not obviously a new gymnasium, or an adequate addition to the present structure. However, there seems to be a third alternative sitting on our doorstep — The Kingston Armory.

The Armory has served many purposes in the past. It was once used for the cavalry to train horses. During World War II a factory operated out of the spacious walls, and after the war the Armory was used by a professional basketball team and for high school basketball playoffs. More recently the brick structure has been used for Shrine circuses and flea markets.

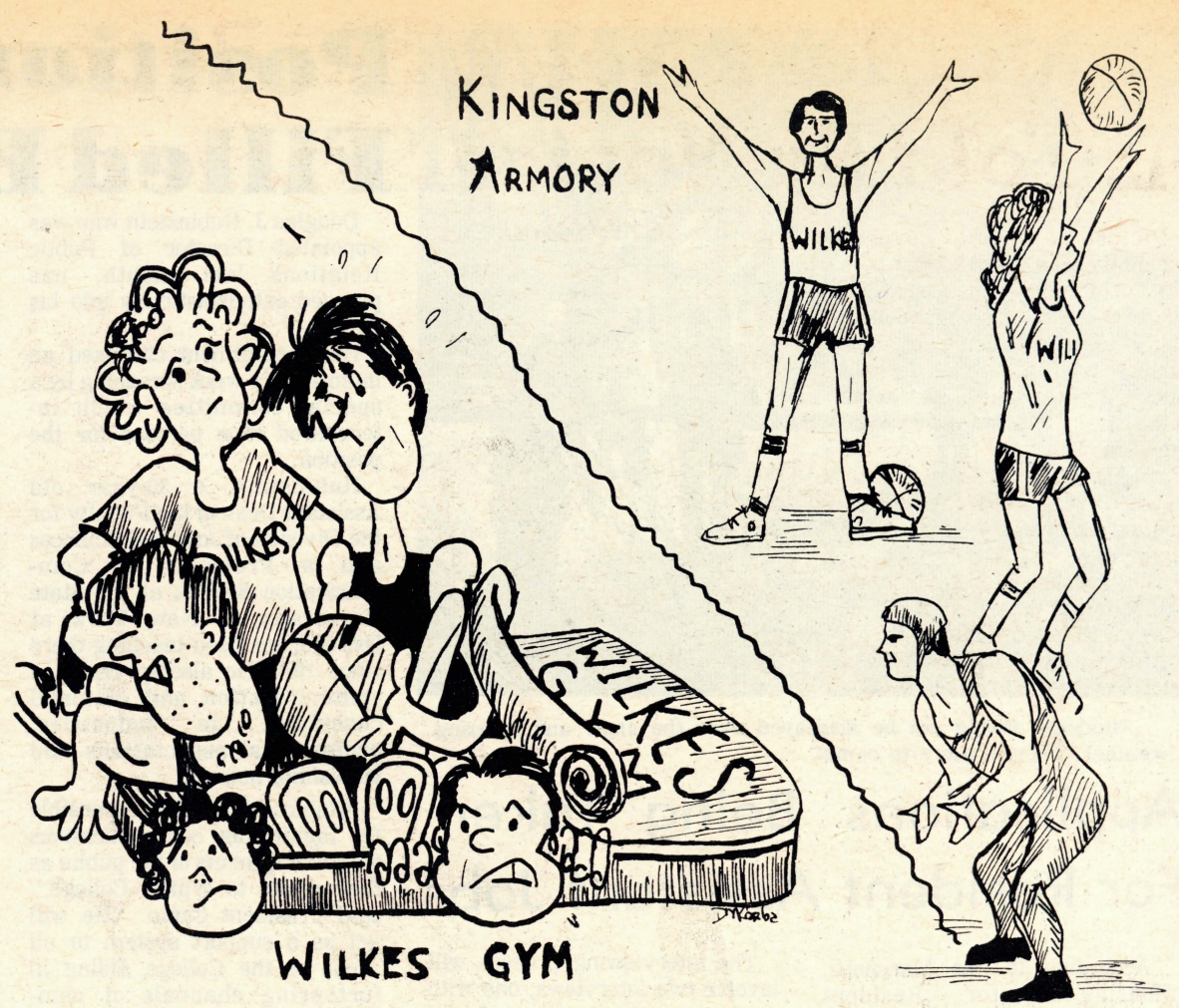
At the present time it seems Wilkes College's need for gym space should have some priority over occasional flea markets held in the Armory. A 99-year lease on the 109th artillery property which adjoins the Wilkes baseball field, leased from the government approximately eight years and once a piece of armory property, would give the college the luxury of adequate gymnasium space.

Circuses, flea markets, and basketball playoffs could still be scheduled in the armory through the college. The acquisition of the property would also supply the college with an adequate facility for concerts and other activities. In the past few years it has been used for Wilkes' graduations.

The size, proximity, and parking area of the building lends itself to becoming a financially feasible workable alternative to the shortage of gym space. With a few renovations, the possibilities the armory could afford the college are endless — an ice hockey rink would not be totally beyond dreams.

The next step to acquiring the property seems to be in the hands of the Student Government. The idea then has to be sold to the Board of Trustees and eventually the services of Senator Martin Murray, Frank O'Connell, and Representative Frank Shupnik may be needed.

Who are we to turn down the possibilities the Kingston Armory could afford us.



Task Force Establishes Goals

By Janine Pokrinchak

The five Task Force Committees established by the Board of Trustees, under the guidance of the Steering Committee, have been working since August.

The Academic Committee with Dean Soter as chairman has completed its work on the "Goals of the College Mission Statement."

The Mission Statement, which was approved by the Steering Committee, attempts to determine what Wilkes College will be in the future, both immediate and long term, according to Dean Soter.

The Academic Committee wanted a brief but meaningful statement, explained Soter. The statement reads as follows:

To meet the challenge of predicted declines in enrollment, the vagaries of national economic conditions, and the encroachment of publicly supported institutions, we believe Wilkes College must establish itself as an academically prestigious institution committed to excellence in

- (1) the students it graduates,
- (2) the instruction and programs it provides, and
- (3) the faculty and student scholarship it expects.

In drafting this statement, Soter stressed each word was weighed. The Committee spent a long period of time determining what the goals of the College should be.

To achieve these ends we propose that Wilkes College:

- (1) Emphasize the traditional liberal arts requirements for competencies in oral, written and computational skills, and an understanding of human experiences through a study of our literary and historical heritage by requiring all students to share a common curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences.

Soter commented since Wilkes was less than 50 years old, it would require more time to increase the prestige of the College. The prestige would be raised by the quality of students who graduate from Wilkes.

In order to have top quality graduates, excellence in the classroom and scholarship must be achieved, stated Soter.

The most important priority, according to the Academic Committee, is that the students of Wilkes have a great competency in oral, written and computational skills as stated in the Mission Statement.

The sense of historical heritage should include all human heritage, said Soter. Also, this understanding, as stated in the Goals of the College, should include the ability to think critically and the ability to appreciate beauty, truth and other abstract values, which cannot be gained through courses alone.

- (2) Provide superior major programs in the liberal arts and sciences.

Soter commented major programs at Wilkes should be strengthened and should remain of the highest quality.

- (3) Help meet ever-changing community needs by remaining flexibly committed to carefully selected speciality programs.

In addition to the general major programs, Soter stressed Wilkes has an obligation to provide programs, such as the Wilkes-Hahnemann program, which are important to the

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BEACON BITS

The Veteran's Club will hold its first meeting of the second semester today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 204-205 SLC. You need not be a Veteran to join the club. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

On Tuesday, February 1, elections for S.G. replacement representative will be held for 1978 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in NMD. Validated I.D. is required.

Library hours for spring, 1977 are: Sunday, 2 p.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, 8 to midnight; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer job analysis indicate that the prospects for college student employment for the summer of 1977 looks promising. National parks through the nation will once again staff their facilities with college student summertime help. It is emphasized that students desiring summer employment in the various recreational areas throughout the nation should apply early. Students interested may request a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Dept. SJO, Lock Box 4000, Kalispell, Mt. 55901.

Commuter students who had parking permits on campus last semester must register their stickers at the bookstore any day after 2 p.m.

Job opportunities in Europe this summer ... Work in the forests of Germany, on construction in Austria, in the Industries in France and Germany, and the hotels in Switzerland. Students have made their way across the Atlantic through A.E.S. - Service to take part in the actual life of the people of these countries. Write for further information and application form to: American-European Service, Box 34733, Ft. 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein, (Europe).

The Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents Association, an organization of state government reporters based in Harrisburg, will have a summer intern program in 1977. Two students, who are currently Juniors, will be picked for the 12-week program which will begin in late spring. The deadline for applications is March 18. Those students interested may contact Tom Ferrick at 717-787-5990. The application should be sent to Scholarship Committee, c/o Tom Ferrick, P.O. Box 1287, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

Letters To The Editor

Lettermen To Meet

To The Editor:
I am writing this invitation to any and all lettermen of Wilkes College. Regardless of your sport, you are invited to join the Wilkes College Letterman's Club.

The Club is attempting to rebuild its programs in areas of service to the College and the community. We are now in this rebuilding process and we would appreciate any help, suggestions, and interest from new members.

A meeting will be held Tuesday, February 1 at 11 a.m. in the Gore Hall Lounge. Any lettermen interested are welcome.

Sincerely,
Dean Evans
President

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Smuggler's Notch Ski Report As Told By Novice Ski Bunny

By Wilma Hurst

Picture a snow covered mountain set against a clear blue sky, with snowy pine trees dotting the edges of an untouched, fluffy slope. Suddenly a skier appears from the top of the hill, and gracefully glides down the hill. A free form in fluid motion, he seems to almost fly above the ground as he effortlessly floats down to the bottom before coming to a stop in a flurry of snow.

That's what skiing's all about, right? But how come it's not as easy as it looks?

After watching Wide World of Sports every week (even "Agony of Defeat"-falling off the jump), I finally decided to try skiing before I ran out of time, money, or nerve.

So when the Polar Bear Club set out at 5:30 one frosty Sunday morning for a week in Vermont, I too settled in my window seat for a stomach-turning, non-stop, eight-hour ride.

Anyway, I awoke on the day of my first lesson to find a raging blizzard outside our door. (Later, I found out it was the worst day the resort had all year.) Santa Claus himself would have stayed at home if he had seen such snow on a Christmas Eve.

However, being a person noted for her lack of common sense, I walked out into raging winds and limited visibility to trudge through the drifts to the rental office.

Now, when one has never been on skis, and has seen them only on the racks of other people's cars, one can be accurately described as a beginner. And, it is a common practice for a beginner to begin with very short skis, which is why my tall friends were given 120 or 135 cm skis,

Skaters' Talent Excels Despite Team's Defeats

After the long winter break, the "unofficial" official Wilkes Ice Hockey Team has come back to action. The first two games of this second half of the season were disappointing, however, since they were both losses. The strong Lake Region team and the Bi-County Blazers handed Wilkes their defeats, 4-2 and 5-2 respectively.

Bright spots in those matches were the efforts of team members Todd Noll who scored 1-3 in goals and assists and Dave Morales whose record was 2-1 in goals and assists.

Captain Mark Davis, whose record is 1-1 in this segment of the season, is a little disappointed. He says the biggest problem is probably finances since the team does not have enough money to rent the rink for practice time. Since there are not enough organized practices the team hurts, even though individual talents come through.

"I think there would be a better attitude also if more students would come to watch our team play," said Davis.

Helping him in his job as captain are Jack Manley and Dave Morales, who act as alternate captains. Also working at a tough defense are Jim O'Neill, Bob Bensley, and Bill Manley.

The next game is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Wilkes-Barre Ice-Arena located in the Heights, a short drive from the campus.



which reached no farther than their armpits.

So why did I, who am called "Shorty," "Shrimp" and "Munchan" by my friends, received 170 cm skis, which stretched far past my head? And why did the girl at the rental office (who gave me poles that reached my shoulders) tell me, "You wouldn't want 160s because then you would feel as if you were wearing ice skates?"

But, being a naive' novice, I decided they knew what was best for me (even though I also knew that there was a dire equipment shortage) and I staggered through the blizzard back to my condominium, struggling with skis, boots and poles.

I think it was the remark, "If you use those skis and poles, you're gonna break your neck" that made me leave the safety and warmth of our room to return to the rental office (with the skis and poles) and announce that I couldn't possibly use them without being declared legally insane. (Keep your comments to yourself, Mary Ellen).

And so, I found myself standing with 15 other people on the side of the slope in a blinding snowstorm, with 135 cm skis and midget poles, my eyelashes coated with ice and my scarf standing out at a right angle, awaiting "The First Skiing Lesson."

I watched Mary Stencavage prove the "Domino Theory" as she snowplowed into the fifth person in the line and managed to topple everyone else; I learned my ski instructor's name (Bruce, the one with a half frozen mustache); and as I lay in a tangle of skis, legs, arms, poles and snow, I understood the real meaning of "agony of defeat."

But, to give credit where credit is due, thanks to the ski in-

structors at Smugglers Notch (and partly to my inability to recognize imminent disaster when it stares me in the face) I finally learned to move my body down the slope in a manner that can almost be called skiing.

I had my share of falls, spills and scares, (more than my share, actually), and only one accurately embarrassing moment, (which was not really my fault).

Put yourself in my place. (Don't panic, it'll only be a minute). You're riding in the lift with a ski instructor (David) and you're preparing to leave the chair and ski down a ramp (which looks something like the ski jump at Innsbruck). Is it your fault that the rest of your class has congregated at the foot of the ramp and that at least four of them are sprawled at the bottom, making it impossible for you to disembark without killing at least three? And so what if your instructor yells "Stop the lift" and then jumps to the ground and skillfully skis around all the casualties? He's been skiing since he was four; you haven't.

So you remain on the lift as it stops 15 feet in the air and David looks up and says "You wanted to get off, didn't you?" The lift then moves several yards and deposits you in three feet of untouched snow which you promptly sink into, tangling your skis and leaving your floundering about in the drifts. You wade over to the fence, David opens the gate, and you join your class, which you would now like to murder, and the lift once against starts to move. (If anyone was stranded on the lift for about 10 minutes on that Wednesday, I did it.) (But now I'm back at Wilkes, wearing my ski lift ticket, my Snoopy pin, and several bruises.)

I solemnly swear that the above events really did happen (plus a lot more on and off the slopes which we won't get into) but I also swear that the trip was the greatest. Wilkes Polar Bear Club, thanks for a fantastic week (Do you think maybe next year we could stop for lunch?)

THE WIZARD OF WAZ

The Class Card Caper

It was that time of year again ... tuition time. Being the extravagant spender that I am I had blown away my vast fortune on Christmas presents and reckless holiday living. Now once again the Colonel was waving that famous finger at me saying, "We want you ... and the money!"

My paycheck wasn't due until the 21st so how could I attend a week of classes without my class cards. In the past I usually used the old "I'll bring the card next time" or the famous "I left it in my locker" routine. But the profs told me already not to attempt any thing so foolish this time.

With the finance office as my target I had to develop a scheme that would secure the cards for me without cash. I know ... the old "Rich Kid" act!

After sitting under a sunlamp for five hours, I had my hair done, rented ten pounds of rhinestones, borrowed a Salvation Army reconditioned mink stole, donned my 5 inch Foster Grant's, and with gold cigarette holder in hand I sauntered off to Parrish Hall.

"Oh yes, hello. I came to pick up my class cards. I must be dreadfully tardy in picking them up but I was on a cruise with Mummy and Daddy. He mailed a check from St. Tropez. I'm sure you must have it unless the natives delayed the mail or something equally dreadful might have happened to the mail plane crossing the Bermuda Triangle. In any case my cards, darling."

The next thing I remember was sitting out in the hall with no cards and a broken cigarette. Why did I have to buy that silly millimeter longer?

I know, I'll try the "Note from Mr. Raspen" trick!

I immediately disgarded the costume and scribbled this down on the back of an old test.

ATT: Finance Office

Please give this girl her cards as she has just been awarded the Einstein Academic Scholarship for highest cum.

Signed,
R. Raspen

"Could I have my cards. I just got this note from Mr. Raspen, you know the little guy over at Chase with the cigar who counts the money all day."

The note was harder to swallow than to write but I still can't figure out if it was the cigar that gave it away or the 26 I got in the test. To the phone booth!

"Hello, finance office. This is Mr. Capin's secretary and I'm sending this girl over for her class cards. Oh, Molly, I remember you, you don't remember me? You met me at the secretaries' Christmas dinner. My son is fine. I'm not married? I can't get my cards. Sorry, wrong number."

Dashing to the ladies room, I put on my warm up suit, sneaks, sweatband, Wilkes Letterman's jacket, and then jogged into the office.

"Yea, I'm here ta pick up da class cards. I got a at'letic scholarship. First draft ya know. I was jus' runnin' da dike ta keep in shape. Us swimmers gotta keep in shape. What de ya mean da only draft for swimmers is from a hairdryer? There isn't a swimming scholarship? Isn't this USC? Sorry, I must a ran further than I meant ta."

Enough with the facade. I dashed into the finance office and pleaded, "You have to give me those cards. I just got out of the hospital, I'm putting my brother through reform school for trying to rob a bank to pay this tuition, and I have to buy some firewood for the bonfire in the living room to keep our shack warm."

Go see Mr. Croop? What kind of answer is that. Who is this Croop creep?

I crawled into the office on my stomach and begged for the cards when I heard "Yeeeeeees. Welcome to my office. What can I do for you."

The words came from this man wearing a black top hat and cape sitting behind a desk twirling his handlebar mustache.

"So you don't have the money," he said, "I'm sure we can work something out here, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!"

He handed me a contract to sign. I didn't read the whole thing but I remember something on it about my first born and something about the deed to the ranch and railroad tracks. Oh, well, at least I have the cards.

But what about my grades from last semester? I still owe about a hundred. I wonder if they lock that window in the Finance Office at night?

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JOKE OF THE WEEK: Q. (delayed Christmas joke) If an athlete gets athlete's foot, what do astronauts get?

A. Missiltoe.

Davies' Show At Sordoni

A selection of drawings, prints and watercolors of Arthur Bowen Davies (1862-1928) will be in the Sordoni Gallery January 28 until February 20.

Arthur Davies influenced by realism and impressionism, was one of a group of the "Eight" who straddled two centuries with one foot in the nineteenth century European art and the other in the twentieth century American Modernism.

He was in the foreground, then considered avant-gard, in establishing the New York Armory Show of 1913 that is regarded as a pivotal point leading to an awareness of bringing European Modern art to America.

The exhibition shown for the first time last fall was arranged in cooperation with Lehigh University. Gallery hours: daily 1-5 p.m., Saturdays 10-5 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m.



Student Gains Experience At Family Service Agency

By Mary Stencavage

"I feel that I've gained a lot of experience, have come to know the agency and the ways in which it serves the community, and it has enabled me as a person to help other people."

This is the feeling one co-ed has about her first four months on the community service program.

Julie Banos, a junior sociology major from Hughestown, was assigned to the Family Service Agency in Wilkes-Barre last September.

Since then she has taken part in different programs, seminars, has written some publicity for the agency and gained valuable experience while doing so.

The Family Service Agency is designed to help families with problems through counseling and assistance. A part of the agency is Help Line, an information and referral system which people can call at 829-1341 to find answers to questions or which agency they could ask for aid to a specific problem.

One of Julie's assignments is to run the "Rent-A-Kid" program. This program helps to find jobs for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 16. The jobs range from lawn work to running errands.

"The way it works" Julie explained, "when a teenager comes in, they fill out an application, return it, and then my job is to find suitable work for them."

Usually the job Julie finds for the applicant is near the location of their home to avoid transportation problems.

On one occasion, Julie and 11 R.A.K.'s (pronounced racks) took part in a seminar designed to instruct the teenagers in baby sitting. The three-session course dealt with the proper care of children from infancy to school age children, how to handle emergencies and activities to keep children interested, quiet and happy. Upon completion of the course, each participant received a certificate.

The pretty coed has also participated in other seminars. She served as one of the co-leaders in a parents of teenagers seminar, which tried to find solutions to problems that parents were facing with their children. Another time a seminar helped single mothers with the problems of raising their child alone.



Julie Banos

Another facet of her experience has been working on Help Line. By handling the calls, Julie feels that she has become aware of problems a caseworker faces and how crises intervention works. Many times, assisted by caseworkers, the caller is put in contact with an appropriate agency that can deal effectively with the problem.

A requirement for Julie is to keep a journal in which she records her activities at the agency. Julie commented that the people who work with her at Family Service have been "warm, friendly, and more than helpful in explaining the activities and routines."

When her year on the community service program is completed, Julie will have a double major of Sociology and Community Service. A student on the program receives 30 credits for one year of service to the community. Next year Julie will be back on the campus attending classes. But she believes that the first-hand experience she will have gained, could never be derived from merely being in a classroom.

Someday after graduation, Julie stated that she "would like to become involved in an agency with similar surroundings."

Basic Education Program In Search Of Volunteers

Volunteers for Literacy, an adult basic education program, are in need of volunteer reading aides to help adults learn to read and write.

The program has two major parts: basic reading and writing for non-literate adults, and the teaching of English to speakers of other languages for non-English speaking adults.

The Wilkes Commuter Council is sponsoring a smorgasbord party on Saturday, February 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Commons. Catered by Gus Genetti's, the meal will consist of sliced turkey, ham, roast of beef, veal cutlet parmigiana, assorted cheeses, rigatonis with meat sauce, potato salad, vegetables, dessert, and beverages. Price of the smorgasbord is \$2.50.

A SUB party will follow the smorgasbord. The price is \$.50 if a CC smorgasbord ticket is bought, and \$1.00 if a smorgasbord ticket is not bought. Dancing will be from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

IDC Solomon Elected As New Secretary

Elections for a new Secretary of the Inter-Dormitory Council were held Sunday, at the regular meeting. President Bruce Lear opened nominations in which Maris Solomon was the only person nominated. Miss Solomon took the position which was previously held by Shawn Rozett. A letter of resignation was read at the meeting in which Miss Rozett informed the council that she has transferred to another college.

Under new business, Lear asked for suggestions concerning the school calendar which will be given to the administration. The council felt it would be best to start each semester one week earlier so that the semester will end earlier. Also recommended was that the Easter and spring vacations be combined into one.

Commuter council came to the council and wanted a definite answer on whether or not IDC will split the cost of the Smorgasbord-SUB party. Sheree Kessler, IDC treasurer, asked "when will CC pay for the

Halloween party?" The Halloween party was held three months ago.

Lear asked for figures of the cost of the party which the CC representative did not have. A decision will be made after the figures are obtained.

It was reported that the maintenance did not get many things done over the Christmas break. Many problems were noted by advisor Joe Marchetti who also went on to say that these problems should be taken care of soon. One council member reported that maintenance workers were on a break for well over an hour and a half, sitting in the lounge and drinking coffee. Marchetti advised students to let Mr. Abate know about each instance because he is responsible.

It was reported that a new club has been formed called the self defense club. The club meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 in the gym. A small fee will be charged and anyone interested is urged to attend.

Under committee reports, the food committee reported that they are having a meeting February 3 at 3:00 in the cafeteria. Sheree Kessler is urging all students interested in their meals to attend. Council members cited instances of moldy bread and meals where there was not enough food to go around.

A new committee was formed to take charge of all the arrangements for the St. Patrick's day party. Kim Witherow and Maris Solomon will be the co-chairmen of the committee. The party will be held at Gus Genetti's and a date has not been set.

Through Volunteers for Literacy, reading aides are being trained to tutor adults on a one-to-one basis.

Anyone who speaks, reads, and writes, and who is willing to tutor about three hours a week can be an aide.

For further information contact: Volunteers for Literacy, Ross Hall, Wilkes College. Phone: 474-5605.

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community. These special programs should be fully integrated into college life.

However, Soter stressed the word "flexibly," which he also explained to mean that any specialized program would be phased out after its goal had been met and a new program brought into the curriculum.

(4) Demand faculty commitment to excellence in teaching, inspiration of students, and scholarly pursuits such as research activities.

Soter noted this goal of the college requires a heavy responsibility from the faculty. "We demand their excellence," said Soter.

(5) Actively recruit talented students by all feasible means, including scholarship incentive programs and student and faculty involvement in recruitment.

This statement, according to Soter, explains another method by which the College can increase its prestige. The quality of the

incoming students will determine the quality of graduates. Faculty members and students would be used to recruit new students at Wilkes College.

(6) Gradually and carefully restrict the admission of marginally qualified students.

The restriction of admissions would take a period of time, commented Soter. Admissions of qualified students would be reviewed gradually.

Although the College would like to restrict the admissions to qualified students, Soter also mentioned the College has a social obligation to those students who would not be able to attend college due to lack of funds for a college education.

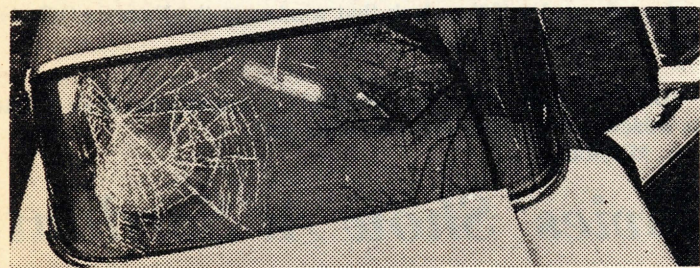
The Academic Committee wanted neither an open-door admissions, in which students are accepted regardless of qualification, nor a revolving admissions, in which students are asked to leave the college if they do not produce the quality work expected by the college.

To implement these goals Wilkes College must provide the necessary moral and financial support.

Soter explained the last statement of the "Goals of the College Mission", by commenting "We need the moral support of the entire college community."

The success of these goals depends on the total commitment of the faculty and students, stated Soter. He also commented the faculty would have to "tighten their belts" and increase productivity.

THE PARTY'S OVER.



All too often, when the party ends, the trouble begins. People who shouldn't be doing anything more active than going to sleep are driving a car. Speeding and weaving their way to death.

Before any of your friends drive home from your party, make sure they aren't drunk.

Don't be fooled because they drank only beer or wine. Beer and wine can be just as intoxicating as mixed drinks.

And don't kid yourself because they may have had some black coffee. Black coffee can't sober them up well enough to drive.

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Maybe your friend won't be feeling so good on the morning after, but you're going to feel terrific.

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JOHN REESE — An air conditioner for the gym or at least a fan to circulate some of the hot air; An artificial surface for the top of his head.

ROLLIE SCHMIDT — An offense; a running back with 3.8 speed in the 40 yard dash; A place to play Bob Ausura.

RODGER BEARDE — A defense; A tie; A seat belt to keep his torso on the bench; A certificate from the "Les Turoczi Best Dressed Club."

JONAH GOOBIC — The Minnesota Viking playbook; A running back with 3.8 speed in the 40 yard dash.

ED LUKAS — The Jim Zardecki Joke Book.
FRANK WENGEN — A paid-in-full membership to Charles Atlas Health Club; A new red Flair to better outline my pearls of wisdom in The Beacon.

DON McDERMOTT — Batteries for his bionic toe; A .900 batting average this spring; Ray Guy's autograph.

MIKE WILSON — Hands.

BOB AUSURA — Someplace to play, like on I-81; literacy.

ALAN GREENSPAN — His "Delaware Fan Club" back. They're getting on my nerves Al 'ole Boy; A haircut.

BILL SLAVOSKI — A football with strings; A running back with 3.8 speed in the 40 yard dash.

JOE MORAN — The Gene Upshaw Book of "101 Ways To Tactfully Hold A Defensive Lineman"; A teaching degree.

LEN DALMAS — Borrow Joe's book.

JIM ZARDECKI — One of Dr. J's playground league teammates to play JV ball for Wilkes; A sense of humor, with his job he needs it.

TOM ROKITA — For his tennis team to make a racquet this spring in the MAC.

CHIP EATON — For Wilkes soccer scores to be reported in The New York Times and The Washington Post; A tainted sports page that reports only good news; A rematch with E-Town.

BILL NARDONE — Somebody to believe he's an athlete upon first glance.

GEORGE PAWLUSH — Earplugs; A moustache.

ED FINN — Somebody to believe he's the world's greatest athlete incognito, Bruce Jenner notwithstanding.

NICK HOLGASH — To grow another foot, he might have a devil of a time getting shoes, but nevertheless.

TONY NARDELLI — A varsity boxing team at Wilkes.

KENDALL McNEIL — Shoemanship; An effective, crowd-pleasing dunk (Come on Kendall, come up with something novel.)

CASPER TORTELLA — A 2.13 GPA; 4 red shirts.

JIM WEISENFLUH — Humility.

GLYNN MANSFIELD — Food!!

DAVE GREGROW — passion to dig his work, it's a pretty grave matter.

MARK DENSBERGER — Spare ribs.

TOM CROSS — May all your wrestling T-shirts be permanent press.

TERRY SCHOEN — A computer to work all those silly basketball charts.

JIM STEHLE — An \$11,000 scholarship with the Chicago White Sox; Designated hitting lessons.

BARRY HARCHARUFKA — Sanity.

ROGER DAVIS — A running cast.

BOB PATTON — A quadraphonic recording of the theme song of the "Jim McCarthy Sports Show."

JIM MCCARTHY — A year's subscription to the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader autographed by Bob Patton.

DEAN BALTRUCHITUS — A portable sand trap for his office.

A Corny Look At The "Kernels"



by jeff acornley

CHUCK MATTEI — Another hot Winter.

GENE DOMZALSKI — The Father Flanagan book of "Swear Words For All Occasions." Gosh, even a hardcover.

MARY JO FRAIL — A tryout with the men's basketball team.

DOTTY MARTIN — A women's gym.

ED MURRAY — 3.8 speed in the 40 yard dash; Blocking; A pretty girlfriend.

MELVIN JOHNSON — A lifetime supply of white spikes.

KEN SICKLER — A job that's a snap.

JOANNE ENGLLOT — 3 1/2 new tennis outfits.

BILL GASBARRO — The music to "The Entry of the Gladiators," hopefully for next year's football team.

ED D'AMICO — A moustache.

SUE ANN KNIGHT — A hockey puck that bounces.

DAN RITTENHOUSE — Windshield wipers for his glasses when he runs in the rain.

MIKE AED — Sterile wrestling mats.

ME — A moustache defroster; Invisible poison pen ink, A shock proof typewriter with a snowball resistant shield on the front.

SANTA — A better memory so I don't have to do this again next year.

Gino's Tops In Early IM Ratings

By David Orischak and Bob Welsh

The intramural basketball season will get into full swing this week and all teams are eager to show their wares.

There are a few contests before the Christmas break. In one big game, Sixers beat Sons of Softee 72-62. Both of these teams were strong pre-season favorites. Sons of Softee was hampered by injuries in the starting lineup. Bruce Douglas is still recovering from a knee injury he suffered when his knee hit the backboard during a pre-season warm up.

One reason for the close score in the game has been attributed to the strategic move by coach Jim Yosh. He kept Chuck Crawford on the bench for the entire game.

In another high scoring contest, STX was defeated by Dirksen 32-31. Rumor has it that both teams forgot to play the second half of this game. When referee Bill Manly was questioned, he was unable to recall the game. No player on either team hit double figures in the scoring column.

USUC IV is the latest addition to the USUC dynasty which was upset last year by a strong Gino's squad. Both teams are back this year and Gino's is labeled as the pre-season favorite. Gino's is already off and running with an impressive win over stubborn Orien's Express, 84-67. Gene Marinelli had 27 points for the winners while Mike Wilson tallied 18 in a losing cause.

In USUC IV's season pener, six USUC'ers scored in double figures as they routed Diaz by a score of 76-38. Don McDermott and Sam Diaz had 18 and 16 points respectively for the boys from Nanticoke.

WPI RATINGS

Gino's (27)	397
Smegma's (19)	311
USUC IV (7)	182
Sixer's (3)	97
Sons of Softee	47

PERSONAL FOULS

Tom McIntyre reports that he is in shape and ready to win the John Pinelli Catapult Award for the second year in a row. This award is given to the player with the highest total of field goal attempts for the season. "Mac" reports that if he can stay in the league for six more seasons, he feels that he will have a shot at breaking Pinelli's all time career record for shots taken.

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N. Holgash	11	21-5	6-6	16	1.4	9
Gordie Miller	6	10-3	4-4	10	1.6	8
Art Meigh	9	29-11	8-7	29	3.2	6
K. Hughes	11	124-66	44-29	161	14.6	19
M. Peterson	8	36-19	8-3	41	5.1	25
K. McNeill	11	128-71	39-28	170	15.4	45
T. Nardelli	11	140-62	22-13	137	12.5	81
J. McCrae	3	2-0	0-0	0	0.0	0
G. Toczylowski	5	11-3	2-2	8	2.0	5
B. Welsh	6	6-2	5-2	6	1.0	4
J. Zapko	11	103-46	20-18	110	10.0	81
G. Oschal	6	20-10	1-1	21	3.5	10
J. Baird	11	44-23	20-16	62	5.6	51
		715-330	187-134	801	72.8	457

Women Cagers Having Problems

By Joan Vorbach

While nursing injuries and fighting scoring slumps, the Colonelettes have dropped four out of their last four games since semester break. This leaves them with an unimpressive 2-7 record.

The well-known philosophy - "If you play a tough defense, the offense will naturally follow" - just doesn't apply to the Wilkes women. Their defense has been well disciplined, but sporadic, and the Colonelettes also cannot find the hoop.

At a recent Lackawanna Junior College game, the women held LJC scoreless for over 5 minutes with a 1-2-2 zone. However, at the other end of the court, Wilkes was inconsistent and frustrated.

The defense has been forcing numerous turnovers. This looks good on the stat sheets, but these figures can't seem to find their way to the scoreboard.

As a possible remedy, Coach Schierer has tried mixing up the starting line-up. So far, this change has ruffled more feathers than nets.

Hopefully, in the nine remaining games the Colonelettes can straighten their aim, mend their spirits, and finish with a decent record.

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BEACON SPORTS

Grapplers Look To Finish Strong

The last time we discussed the Wilkes wrestling team it was 0-1 and looking forward to two crucial meets with Navy and Tennessee. Well the Colonels beat Navy 21-17 in one of the most exciting meets ever held in the Franklin Street gym, but then dropped a 25-16 decision to Tennessee. Right after Christmas the Colonels placed a disappointing fifth in the Wilkes Open, entering only a partial team. Clarion State breezed to the team title.

Starting the New Year out right, the Colonels swept all four meets on their southern tour. In the opener they beat VPI 24-13 and West Chester 32-8. The Colonels then proceeded to demolish East Carolina and North Carolina by scores of 34-9 and 29-8. North Carolina had been ranked 18th in the country. But the semester ended on a bleak note when the Colonels were hammered by Syracuse 34-9 last Saturday.

The Wilkesmen began the second semester by defeating Delaware Valley 26-8 last Wednesday. Then they travelled to Oswego St. on Saturday and blasted the New Yorkers 33-9.

So the Colonels record is currently 7-3, but what lies ahead? Last night they had what should have been a relatively easy meet with Elizabethtown, Saturday they travel to Lycoming and next Wednesday (February 2) they are home with Binghamton State. They still have big home meets remaining with Hofstra, East Stroudsburg, Army and Bucknell. While these five meets are against fairly good

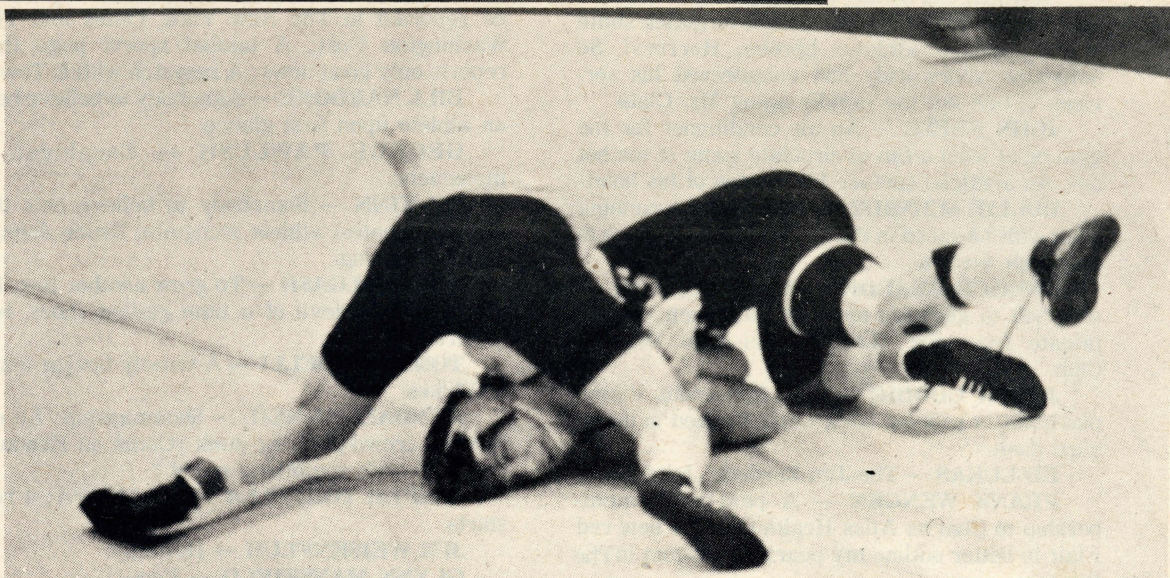
wrestling schools, the victories probably won't be enough to propel the Colonels into the top twenty rankings.

The top twenty. That's been the Colonels nemesis this year. A win over Tennessee might have shot them into the rankings, but the Vols reigned. Then after their romp through the South the Reesemen had another shot at the rankings going into the Syracuse match. Needless to say their hopes were shattered by the Orangemen. A top twenty ranking by the end of the season now seems to be virtually out of the question.

True, the Colonels also have big meets on the road with Franklin and Marshall, Montclair State, and Rutgers, but even victories over these teams won't put them in the top twenty.

So what do the Colonels look ahead to? For starters, they want to go undefeated for the rest of the season and if they wrestle up to their capabilities this is a good possibility. Lately, however, the Colonels haven't been sharp. Both the Syracuse and Delaware Valley meets were disappointments to Coach Reese. The team looked sloppy and showed signs of fatigue. However, Saturday things picked up a little in the Oswego St. victory.

Another goal would be to win the Easterns. This will definitely take a lot of work with powerful teams such as Lehigh, Navy, and Syracuse also in the tournament. With a few breaks in both scheduling and some outstanding performances by some of the lesser known team members, anything could happen.



GREGROW FIGHTING OFF A PIN — Dave got out of this mess and went on to place third in the Wilkes Open, the Colonels highest finisher. He

has been a kingpin of the Wilkes power as his 11-1 record testifies.

(Photo by Bill Walsh)

Right now though, the Colonels must look to the immediate future and upcoming opponent Lycoming. Although the Williamsport school is relatively weak, the Wilkesmen haven't been all that sharp and they have been hit by their old adversary, the injury jinx.

Outstanding freshmen Denny Jacobs (separated shoulder) and Mark Densberger (bad ribs) are out for a few weeks. Greg

MacLean has been in and out of the lineup with a sore shoulder and Rick Mahonski has been hampered by a recurring neck injury. Also Casper Tortella has decided to sit out the year and will be redshirted.

So, Wilkes still has a good shot at rolling up an impressive season record and making a strong showing in Easterns. But the team must pull together and forget about meets like Syracuse.

The talent is definitely there and if a good attitude prevails the season should continue on a winning note.

MAT MATTER: All Wilkes home meets are carried live on WCLH 90.7 FM...Dave Gregrow (190) pinned third and Bruce Lear (150) placed fourth in the Open...Lear (three pins), Gregrow, Bart Cook, and Dan House were all undefeated on the southern tour. **Monk**

Cagers On The Road Sat.; Key MAC Title Tilt Slated

Welcome to the new game show on the Wilkes College campus, "Your Guess Is As Good As Mine," brought to you graciously by the Colonel basketball team. It is an exciting new game show concept where fans in the stands are selected randomly before the ball game to secretly mark their ballot and attempt to guess the outcome of the upcoming contest.

The ballot has blocks to be checked by the contestants regarding the Colonels performance. Some of the example choices include: 1. The Colonels will stop running and get blown out; 2. The Colonels defense will break down and they will get blown out; 3. The Colonels shooting will turn ice cold and they will get blown out; 4. The Colonels will take advantage of their quickness and blow the opponents out; 5. The Colonels will stay out of foul trouble and blow the opponents out; 6. All of the above; 7. None of the above.

The ballots are sealed hermetically in an Alumni Association envelope and kept in Art Hoover's Hush Puppies until after the game. The fan who comes closest to guessing the Colonel fate wins free tickets to the next JV game. It is not as easy to win this contest as it might seem because the Colonel basketball squad is the only team on campus where consistency is the most consistent goal.

As you might have guessed, Rodger Bearde has yet to win the contest. His ulcers have ulcers. Assistant Coach Jim Zardecki keeps slipping Maalox into his Gatorade but apparently it's not working.

While you were in Florida on vacation, the Colonels kept quite busy and at times looked like the Harlem Globetrotter's "B" team and at other times looked like the Brookside Bombers. Playing hide-and-seek with brilliance is at least an exciting lifestyle.

The Colonels record now stands at 4-7 but that is not what is important. The important statistic is their 3-2 MAC record. The part that hurts about that important statistic is the loss to a hapless Lycoming team before the semester break.

The Colonels went into the home game with the Warriors after accomplishing the remarkable feat of putting together two good consecutive performances. A loss to Division I powerhouse Philadelphia Textile and a victory over Susquehanna coupled with a previous win over Delaware Valley gave the Colonels a 2-1 MAC mark and a victory over the Warriors could have put them in excellent position during the holiday break.

With the Colonels however, never count on anything. Garnering a seven point lead at the half, it looked like they had it won completely dominating the game. But the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde syndrom grasped the Colonels again (either that or the cheerleaders played the second half) and they blew the game with little help from Lycoming. They scored only 23 points in the second half and took a lopsided 80-66 loss on the chin. It was a game they never should have lost and might just be the one that keeps them out of the playoffs.

"It's too early to tell," commented Bearde, "but if we miss the playoffs by one game, the Lycoming loss will be the one to point to."

Not all has been bleak for the Colonel cause however. At times they have looked awesome. Their most recent conquest was over a tough Juniata team last Saturday night. They ran the Indians into the ground with a devastating fast break and out hustled them on defense.

The Colonels play was perhaps characterized by an outstanding play by Kendall McNeil, the Wilkes flashy forward. Kendall blocked a Juniata shot off the backboard and then hustled down-court and took a pass for a layup to complete the fastbreak. Kendall also brought the house down with a spectacular slam-dunk just before the half. He took a pass at midcourt during another of the many Wilkes fast breaks and when he saw no one in front of him you could see him grinning. With a flying leap from the foul line he slammed the ball and hung on to the rim as the crowd went crazy. He drew a technical but as long as the Colonels didn't lose by that point, it was worth the thrill.

Kenny Hughes, the steadiest player thus far, chipped in with some key points after the Indians had fought back to tie and the Colonels were in control the rest of the way. Matty Peterson and Jeff Baird added solid games as surprise starters.

The Colonels are heading into a very important week of action which started last night with a matchup against Albright. Another MAC encounter with Upsala on Saturday will complete a week which may decide the Colonel playoff aspirations.

"A 6-4 record should be enough to get us into the playoffs," commented the fast-graying Bearde. "We'll just have to get down to business."

Will the Colonels make the playoffs? "Your Guess Is As Good As Mine!"

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IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE — Hopefully, it's a rebound as Matty Peterson soars through the air. Matty had his finest game of the season last week in a starting role, throwing in 10 points and being a general pain in the neck for Juniata.